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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT <b>US-Airman Prisoner in ATKA</b>		
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

**I. PREAMBLE:**

SOURCE was a prisoner in a penal convicts camp in ATKA (6050N/151,80E) from Jul 49 - Jul 50, where he worked as lathe operator in an Auto-Base. The information rendered in this report was obtained by SOURCE's observation.

**II. US-AIRMAN PRISONER IN ATKA:**

Early in June 1950 SOURCE was having his midday meal in the penal messhall, which was next to the entrance. He noticed a noisy gathering of convicts at the guards house and stepped outside. He was informed by the crowd that a "Spy" had been captured by two officers and brought to the camp. SOURCE then saw a man was led from the guardhouse by two MVD-men, who marched him between them, rifles to his back, to the nearby camp hospital. Prisoner's hands were shackled to his back. The prisoner was about 1.80m tall, of slight build, dark complexion, very emaciated features; he was dirty and had a few days growth of beard. He was clad in a waist-long, brown leatherjacket with front-zipper, which he wore open, showing a white fur-lining, and a yellow shirt. The prisoner had long leather trouser of grayish color, tucked into half-length black boots, of which upper parts were made of felt or some other soft material. Prisoner wore a flying helmet of solid gray or green material which covered the ears, the helmet fitted closely around the face with a rimmed pad. The attire of the man on which no rank insignia was shown, was strange, unsuited for the still cold nights and never worn in this style by civilians or military personnel in the ATKA Area. The prisoner remained silent as long as SOURCE saw him, he seemed to be sick and very depressed. He was kept in the hospital about 1/2 hour, then marched back to the guardhouse and driven away in the direction of MAGADAN (5934N/150,48E).

The event was for days the talk of ATKA and of the penal camp. SOURCE who knew Russian fairly well, said that the general version was, that the prisoner was a US Airman, who had lost his bearings and bailed out when he ran out of gas, as he could not land in the rough and mountainous country. He had been picked up by chance by two camp officers who were out by car on a hunting trip 50km west of ATKA.

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